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SUBJ: DECEMBER 29 BOMBING IN SAN SALVADOR

REF: 77 SAN SALVADOR 6013

1. REFTEL CITED PRESS COVERAGE OF MAJOR BOMB (ALLEGED 20 STICKS OF DYNAMITE) DETONATED EVENING DEC 29 IN SAN SALVADOR. TECHNICIAN OF THE POLICE TECHNICAL LABORATORY HAS NOW ISSUED STATEMENT, GIVEN FAIRLY EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE, WHICH CONCLUDES THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY A REACTION OF GASES AND CHEMICAL AGENTS THAT HAD ACCULULATED IN THE WAREHOUSE LEASED BY THE NIMTEX CORPORATION.

2. REPORT ALSO STATED THAT THERE WERE LARGE QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS INCLUDING POLYETHYLENE AND OTHER HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS. THE REPORT STATES THAT THE WAREHOUSE HAD ALMOST NO VENTILATION.

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3. COMMENT. THIS REPORT PRESUMABLY OFFICIALLY CLOSES THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED BOMBING ON DECEMBER 29. THERE ARE PERSISTENT RUMORS AND REPORTS THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS IN FACT A BOMBING, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO MOTIVES ADVANCED TO SUPPORT THIS CONTENTION.

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